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First Named Inventor : Arbuckle
Application Number : 09/622,353

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Title : Transposable Element-Anchored, Amplification Method for Isolation and Identification of Tagged Genes

Group/Art Unit : 1637

Examiner : J. Tung

Attorney Docket Number : 0457EE-PCT-US

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 21, 2003

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 21, 2003, Applicants respectfully request that this application be reconsidered in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending in the case.

35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1, 4-7, 9-13 and 15-21 were rejected as being unpatentable over Lindemann *et al.* (US Pat. No. 5,958,738) in view of Kindiger *et al.* (US Pat. No. 5,710,367). Claims 2 and 8 were rejected as being unpatentable over Lindemann